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NATIONAL TRUST RE-OPENS WOODLAWN PLANTATION

David E. Finley, Mrs. Horace VanDeventer and Sir Oliver Franks discuss the antique glassware presented to *Woodlawn Plantation* by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss. *Harris & Ewing.*

PROGRAM

Invocation . . . . . Reverend B. B. Comer Lile
Rector of Christ Church, Alexandria, Virginia
Welcoming Address . . . . . David E. Finley
Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the National Trust for Historic Preservation
Greetings from the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association
. . . . Mrs. Horace VanDeventer
Vice Regent for Tennessee
Address . . . The Right Honorable, Sir Oliver Franks
British Ambassador to the United States of America
Benediction . . . . . Reverend Kenneth G. Phifer
Old Presbyterian Meeting House, Alexandria, Virginia

Inspection tour of the restored interior of *Woodlawn Mansion.* Flower and fruit arrangements by a Committee of the New Scotland Garden Club of Georgetown: Mrs. Randolph Kidder, Chairman, and Mrs. Richard Friedman, Mrs. Robert Portner, Mrs. Grosvenor Chapman and Mrs. Stephen Dorsey, members.

Address of Sir Oliver Franks

The deadly and unceasing erosions of time which can eliminate the past as effectively as a faulty memory, are the enemy of all people who wish to cherish and enshrine the fabric of their country. The rock and stone hewn from it; the clay and brick baked of it; the forest and the rafter, the land and what man makes of it: these give the design of a country's history, the outward expression of its civilisation.

The schoolroom can give the chronology of our history and the historical novel can guide our imagination, but nothing can supplant the impact of experience. The preservation of a house, a monument, an historic view or an ancient road ensures that each succeeding generation will have the privilege of keeping in contact with the experiences and achievments of past generations: not the ashes of the past but the flame that endures and passes from generation to generation, the flame of a living tradition.

It is the purpose of your sister body in Great Britain—The National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty, to keep this flame alive, to ensure the preservation of the visible history of the country and to make it available to the people for their enjoyment and education. May I wish you every success in your first venture in this field? May it be followed by many more, for the passage of time in this great country seems more ruthless and relentless than in some parts of the world. It has been my good fortune to have visited forty-three of the States of this Union and over and over again it has been impressed on me that though much of your visible history is comparatively close in time, this advantage can easily be lost by the rapidity of change and the continuous waves of development in the United States. Your task is great in size and importance; may your experience here at *Woodlawn* stimulate many more to join you. I know that the people of Britain who have enjoyed the benefits of the work of our National Trust will want me to wish you well.

May you have every success, inspiring the great future of the American people with a deepened sense of their history and a living regard for their high traditions.

SEMINARS ON AMERICAN CULTURE

The Fifth Annual Seminar on American Culture sponsored by the New York State Historical Association at Cooperstown, N. Y., was held July 6-12. At morning and afternoon sessions, experts conducted programs on the following subjects: The Local Historian; American Folk Heroes; Tides of Taste in the American Home; Spinning and Weaving; The School and the Museum; Reading the Landscape; Early American Decoration; Technique Demonstrations; and Pictorial Americana.

Belle Grove Plantation near White Chapel, Louisiana, its romantic ruin reduced to a dangerous heap of rubble by the cigarette of a careless tourist. The photograph by CLARENCE JOHN LAUGHLIN was made March 16, the day after the fire, while the ruins were still smouldering.

A.I.A. PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

At the 84th annual convention of the American Institute of Architects held in New York City in June, a report was presented from the newly-reconstituted Committee on Preservation of Historic Buildings. Appointed last year to initiate "a nationwide educational campaign through its chapters in order to protect our historic buildings in advance of possible destruction and preserve them for posterity," the Committee submitted a record of work accomplished and a long-range program for cooperation with the National Park Service, the National Trust and other preservation agencies.

Plans include appointment of preservation officers in each A.I.A. chapter. An affiliation with the Historic American Buildings Survey and the National Trust is to be effected to permit collaboration on a continuation of a national inventory of significant historic structures, based on existing HABS and National Trust lists, in accordance with established standards, on uniform cards deposited in a single national depository. Technical standards will be formulated for guidance of architects in this special field; and encouragement given to development of organized courses in preservation and restoration. A survey will be made of laws affecting preservation.

The fourteen members of the Institute who comprise the Committee are: Earl H. Reed, *Chairman*, Charles E. Peterson, *Vice Chairman*, Carroll L. V. Meeks, Joseph P. Sims, Emil Lorch, Harvey Smith, Turpin C. Bannister, Ross Shumaker, John Bryan, Donald Stewart, A. Edwin Kendrew, Robert Ingle Hoyt, Wakefield Worcester and Samuel Wilson, Jr.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRESS

In Wisconsin, an agreement-in-principle has been signed between the State Historical Society and the Conservation Department for joint operation of historic sites now owned or acquired by the State in the future. Enabling legislation passed by the legislature at its last session provides that the Society will take over responsibility for exhibits, hiring and training guides and the educational aspects of sites; financing the program from the sale of postcards and souvenirs. The Conservation Commission will exercise custodial functions, maintain properties, carry insurance and manage similar administrative problems.

On June 9, 1952, the City Council of Annapolis, Md., adopted an Ordinance creating a Board of Review for Historic Annapolis. This ordinance was the outgrowth of an interested citizen's committee meeting held in May. Two members of a committee of fifteen elected at the meeting, called at the offices of the National Trust for consultation. Copies of charters of our member organizations also concerned in preserving and protecting the historic areas in their cities were collected from which a Charter for Historic Annapolis, Inc. was adopted. Next, with copies of zoning ordinances provided by this office, a similar ordinance was drafted and presented to the City Council. Soon this ordinance will be added to the list which the Trust has been collecting for interchange of information between preservation groups. Professor Henry F. Sturdy wrote, "I cannot thank you enough for your stimulating helpfulness in this project. Without it, we should have fared badly. The Directors of Historic Annapolis, Inc., are holding their second monthly meeting this coming Thursday. Major Emery is the president."

FOREIGN PRESERVATION

Mexico—The Comision de Historia of the Instituto Panamericano de Geografia e Historia announces that in addition to the volume on preservation in the United States by Ronald F. Lee, in their contemplated 21-volume series on preservation in the Americas, two others have been published and five are in press. The volumes on Panama and Chile are out, and those on Brazil, Haiti, Guatemala, Mexico and Honduras will soon be available.

England—The Home of the Marquess of Lothian, *Melbourne Hall*, near Derby, opened May 3 and will be open to the public until October 3. First owned by the Bishop of Carlisle in 1269, in its long history the house and its formal gardens have been enlarged and developed in different epochs. There is also an important collection of pictures, antique furniture and works of art.

Denmark—Members of the British National Trust have scheduled a trip from July 27 to August 27 to include a tour of historic houses in the neighborhood of Odense, Copenhagen and Aarhus.

The Magazine ANTIQUES

The July issue of *The Magazine Antiques* presents a third in its annual series of special sections on preservation projects in the country. Profusely and beautifully illustrated, the magazine once again has contributed its enthusiastic support to the program of the National Trust, and has presented some of the finest current preservation projects. They include such varied projects as the White House Restoration; the preservation of Columbia Historic State Park, a California ghost town; and *Swan Pond*, an historic house museum, one of the first projects of the newly-formed Society for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities.

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THE RAVEN

The plight of the Poe Shrine in Richmond, Va., is a familiar and tragic story that comes with too great frequency to the attention of the Council. Each year the income from admissions to the Shrine in *The Old Stone House* falls $300 or $400 short of the absolute minimum which Poe Foundation officials regard as essential to operate and maintain a memorial to one of Richmond's most brilliant literary figures.

The collection of manuscripts and relics of Edgar Allan Poe in the Shrine is outstanding. Behind the house a charming loggia has been built of bricks salvaged after the wrecking of the fine old *Southern Literary Messenger* building where Poe served as editor. Virginius Dabney, editor of the Richmond *Times-Dispatch*, pleads with the local citizens to support the Poe Foundation and the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities to prevent the closing of the Shrine. He writes, "Will Richmond stand by idle, while so invaluable a cultural and civic institution associated with one of the most illustrious of Americans, is in imminent danger of dying?"

Ironically, collectors prize first editions of Poe's writing so, that a copy of his *Tamerlane and Other Poems* sold for more than $30,000, and other items at equally fantastic prices. To save his Shrine a "Pennies for Poe" campaign among Virginia school children has been proposed.

From our northern friends of the Warner House Association we have a similar story, in the newsletter sent to their members requesting funds to maintain the house for the public. John Henry de Courcy, their chairman, writes, "With the continuous and insidious demolition of the venerable old buildings of Portsmouth, it seems most important that the Board protect the *Warner House* from physical decay and progressive encroachment. With these active and tangible problems facing us here in Portsmouth, we appeal to your attachment and respect for our priceless old house and trust that from you funds will be forthcoming to enable us to maintain it in the face of progress."

To dislodge the raven of financial distress from his perch on many of our American shrines will require study and concerted effort. It may be that from the records of those who have successfully done so, the Council can devise some ingenious formula like the balloons and blank cartridges hopefully invoked by the WPA to drive the unwelcome starlings from their perches in the nation's capital.

H. D. B.

712 JACKSON PLACE

Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, attended the annual meeting of the American Planning and Civic Association in Louisville, Ky. General Grant, who is president of the Association, conferred with the Louisville Council for Historic Sites and Buildings and other interested preservationists. He made a special trip to Galena, Ill., to visit the General Grant home there.

Plans for the annual meeting of the Trust and Council are being formulated. The meeting is scheduled for November 14-15 in Washington, D. C., where the Statler Hotel will serve as headquarters. Members attending will have a special opportunity to visit restored *Woodlawn Plantation*.

Mrs. John M. Patterson has resigned from the staff of the Council and is planning to leave for London, where her husband will serve in the United States Foreign Service.

At the annual meeting of the District Branch of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, an award for her contribution to preservation and to Virginia history was presented to the Council's historian, Mrs. Helen Duprey Bullock, by Mrs. Guy Withers, Directress. The award was an inscribed and autographed copy of Robert Glass Cleland's history of California, *From Wilderness to Empire*, as a reminder that the first achievement award of the Virginia society was to a native Californian. Henry H. Surface, Administrator of the National Trust, was a guest on the occasion, and his son, the Reverend Henry H. Surface, Jr., delivered the invocation.

Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman announced the appointment of Horace M. Albright, Trustee of the National Trust, and Dr. J. O. Brew, charter member of the Council, to the Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings and Monuments.

Among the Council members who visited at headquarters in the past quarter were: Dr. Waldo G. Leland, Horace M. Albright, Charles E. Peterson, Dr. Hugh Grant Rowell, Lewis E. Scott, Turpin Bannister, Albert B. Corey, Mrs. Lammot du Pont Copeland, John E. Nicholson, and Mrs. McCook Knox.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

California Historical Society participated in the events held June 23-29 as part of the observance of "San Francisco Founding Day Celebration."

The Society of Architectural Historians has set the weekend of August 16-17 for its tour of Southern Long Island. Among the places to be visited will be East Hampton, Sag Harbor, and Cutchogue. Arrangements for the tours are under the direction of Daniel M. C. Hopping.

Two of the most articulate supporters of opposition to the proposed destruction of *Wyman Villa* at Johns Hopkins University are Henry-Russell Hitchcock and Robert C. Smith, whose opinions, first published in the Baltimore *Sun*, have been extensively reprinted.

Smith's Castle, Cocumscussoc, Wickford, R. I., recently was the scene of the North Kingston's Woman's Club "Pageant of North County Brides." Twenty-one "brides" modelled a century of old bridal gowns from the 1850's, unaccompanied by even a single groom, since none was found to fit the one formal suit treasured by its owner since 1898. Proceeds of the occasion were divided between the Woman's Club and the Cocumscussoc Association's fund for the *Smith's Castle* restoration.

Harold Donaldson Eberlein and Cortlandt Van Dyke Hubbard have issued a prospectus for *Historic Houses of George Town and Washington City*, in which they state the problem of the architectural historian compelled to use copious illustrations of old prints, drawings and fine photographs with their text. "The authors are unutterably opposed to the present high prices of books . . . if 1000 copies of this volume be ordered in advance, it can be published at $7.50. Otherwise it will be withheld from publication."

Tennessee's first pilgrimage of historic houses was held this spring under the auspices of the newly founded member organization, the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities. *The Mansion* at Tellico Plains, owned and restored by Z. Cartter Patten, was included in the tour.

Rededication services were held in May at *Philipse Manor Hall*, 270-year-old Dutch colonial landmark in Yonkers, N. Y. More than one hundred members and guests of the American Scenic and Preservation Society, which supervises the shrine, attended the cermonies. Frederick L. Rath, Jr., represented the Council on the occasion, where two members, Dr. Albert B. Corey and Franco Scalamandré, were principal speakers.

Mrs. James Leake Stirling, Curator of Audubon Memorial State Park, St. Francisville, La., reports that the progress on the restoration program has been so promising, that plans are being made for the official dedication by early winter. The Garden Club of America gave its 1951 Founder's Day Award of $1500 to restore the door-side garden of *Oakley*, the naturalist's Louisiana residence in 1821; and other gifts and loans have aided in the furnishing. One objective for the Museum is the collecting of the 32 bird pictures painted by Audubon during his *Oakley* stay. So far, by gift or loan, they have acquired Plate No. 5 Bonaparte's Fly Catching Warbler, No. 72 Swallow-tailed Hawk (copy), and No. 119 Yellow-throated Vireo.

George Dearing Barnes was presented the annual award of merit by the Alexandria Association for the best restoration of an historic building in that Virginia city during the past year, the Burke Mansion on Wilkes Street. Originally built in the early Federal period, the house had been extensively remodelled, particularly in the late Victorian era. The award was presented by Frederick L. Rath, Jr., Director of the Council, on behalf of Worth Bailey, chairman of the Association's architectural award committee.

The magnificent sunken Italian Gardens of *Castle Hill*, Ipswich, Mass., were the setting for two notable operas at the opening of the *Castle Hill* concert series this summer. One was the first American performance of Christoph Willibald von Gluck's *Le Cadi*, and Monteverdi's *Il Combattimento de Tancredi*, a composition of the year 1624. *Castle Hill*, estate of the late Richard T. Crane, Jr., became the property of the Trustees of Public Reservations (Mass.) in 1949. Since that time, the Trustees have established an art center on the estate.

THE RAVEN

Courtesy of Fred O. Seibel, *Richmond Times Dispatch*

PROPOSED PRESERVATION

Philadelphia, Pa.—Bookbinder's Restaurant has purchased the old house at the corner of Second and Walnut streets, known as Krider's Gun Shop and intends to restore it as an historical exhibit. The proposal came from Charles E. Peterson, architect of the Independence National Historical Park Project.

Edenton, N. C.—Penelope Barker's house where the famous Edenton Tea Party was held is being moved to a new location given by the American Legion, where it will be restored through the combined efforts of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Business and Professional Women's Club and the Woman's Club. Christopher Crittenden, Director of the Department of Archives and History of North Carolina, reports that the research program has been extensive and thorough. Finlay Ferguson, A.I.A., is the architect.

San Francisco, Calif.—Four committees of Marina merchants and residents are studying the possibility of preserving the crumbling Palace of Fine Arts, which was built in 1915 as a main portion of the Panama Pacific International Exposition and was intended to last the year of the fair. The building was closed to public use last year as a safety measure and the Palace has been condemned by city officials. It was estimated that it would take $3,783,000 to rebuild the Palace or $800,000 to partially rehabilitate it. It initially cost $400,000.

Hartford, Conn.—Daniel Wadsworth's Stables, built in 1743, are the subject of concern to Friends of Hartford, the Antiquarian and Landmarks Society of Connecticut and other preservationists. They are handsome stables with a pilastered front, and are the oldest surviving buildings in the city. Interest in their preservation stems from the fact that in the Revolution George Washington's horse slept there. As the *Courant* says, "Lots of places have bragged that 'Washington slept here.' But in truth Washington's horse slept in Wadsworth Stable." First to make a sizeable donation was the First Company, Governor's Foot Guard, founded in 1771, which provided escort troops in 1781 when Washington came to Hartford to meet with de Rochambeau.

Port Townsend, Wash.—Members of the Jefferson Historical Society are conducting a successful drive by sale of $1.00 certificates to preserve the town's old bell tower. The tower was built in the 1880's to send general alarms and fire alarms to the pioneer community, and its base housed an old hose cart which is now kept in the city hall.

Fort Morgan, Ala.—Alabamians are being urged to reconstruct the ruins of Fort Morgan at the eastern entrance of Mobile Bay. Constructed in 1813, the old casemated brick structure was the site of famous battles in both the War of 1812 and the Civil War.

Benicia, Calif.—Benicia Parlor of Native Sons and State Senator Luther E. Gibson are making plans for the preservation of the century old former Capitol in this city. The city was founded by the Spaniards in 1848 and served as California's capital in 1853-54. The building is still in use by the city which is applying to have it designated a state monument, restored and continued in their use.

Washington, D. C.—Capitol Hill area in the southeast section of the city is having a new playground added and an old blight removed, through the action of Christ Church. The church was built by Benjamin F. Latrobe and was attended by Presidents Jefferson and Madison during their presidencies. Six blighted alley dwellings and ten garages adjoining the church were razed for the purpose, and tenants of the area were aided to find other housing. This is part of a general movement to restore and reclaim one of the handsome areas in the capital's early period.

Canandaigua, N. Y.—Plans are being formulated for a long-range program for restoration of the interior of the early Federal home of Gideon Granger, Postmaster General in Jefferson and Madison's administrations. The program is under the auspices of the Granger Homestead Society, which has maintained the homestead for visitors and community use.

NEW BOOKS

If, like the writer, you have long sought a single volume on architecture which you could understand without resort to a technical glossary, you will read with mounting enthusiasm Hugh Morrison's *Early American Architecture.* Other architectural historians may not agree with a few of Professor Morrison's presentations and conclusions, but I found it a richly illustrated, clear, and most helpful compendium. In my opinion it is a wonderful starting point for understanding of a highly complex field. (Oxford University Press, $12.50)

Those who have already visited the Henry Francis du Pont Winterthur Museum will want Joseph Down's new book on a part of its furnishings; those who have not should see it in order to anticipate the pleasures awaiting them. Council member Downs, Curator of the Museum, presents the definitive study of the Queen Anne and Chippendale phase in the history of furniture in a volume entitled *American Furniture, Queen Anne and Chippendale Periods,* illustrated with more than 400 examples from the *Winterthur* collections. (MacMillan, $17.50)

F. L. R.

ACTIVE PRESERVATION

Pottstown, Pa.—From the president of the Pottstown Historical Society, Mrs. James I. Wendell, we have received a report of the official opening of *Pottsgrove* on May 31. Since that time many visitors have visited the home built in 1752 for John Potts, one of the founders of the iron industry in Pennsylvania. Through the intervention of the National Council and other concerned preservationists, highway officials reconsidered an earlier proposal to re-open a road through the property which would have impinged upon the fine garden plan.

Kingston, N. Y.—From July 16 through August 17, Kingston will hold an art exhibit at the new George Washington School. A rich and varied assemblage of American art lent by Maxim Karolik and Robert C. Vose of Boston, and Robert G. Wheeler, Director of the Albany Institute of Art will be on display as a feature of Kingston's 300th anniversary celebration. Mrs. E. C. Chadbourne, a Council member, is art chairman.

Staten Island, N. Y.—Richmond Town, in the center of Staten Island, through the efforts of the Staten Island Historical Society, is planning a restoration of the early and historic portion of the city. Robert Moses, Chairman of the New York City Planning Commission, a leading proponent for the program stated, "The project lies within easy reach of the largest population center in the world, the city and metropolitan area of New York. Historically the project presents a rare opportunity to preserve for posterity the last remaining example of the early colonial and federal village and county center from which our present great city grew."

Salem, Mass.—In the spring issue of *Old Time New England*, a bulletin of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, Clarence H. Corning writes of the extraordinary accomplishments in the field of preservation of Chestnut Street Associates of Salem, Mass. Formed in February 1939, as a non-profit corporation to preserve the architectural integrity of this street, described by the historian, Samuel E. Morison, as "the finest street architecturally in New England," it has exercised a wide and good influence on the entire town.

Mount Vernon, Va.—Rebuilding of the Greenhouse-Quarters at *Mount Vernon*, Va., has just been completed by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association. The original greenhouse, with two wings used as Negro quarters, was destroyed by fire in 1835, three years before the association acquired the estate.

Quitman, Texas—Dedication of the James Stephen Hogg Memorial on the eve of the birthday of this first Texas-born governor of that state was held in March. Miss Ima Hogg, daughter of the governor, attended the ceremonies, and has been responsible for returning to the refurbished old house most of the old family furniture. The home is now open to the public under the auspices of the Texas State Parks Board.

Middletown, Conn.—At the 120th commencement at Wesleyan University, the historic Alsop House (1840), an outstanding Greek Revival building was dedicated as the Davison Art Center.

Prairie du Chien, Wis.—*Villa Louis*, restored and opened in May, is the first historic building acquired by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin in its 106 years of existence. Built in 1843 by Col. Hercules Dousman of the Astor fur-trading company, the elaborate *Villa* stands on some of the most historic ground in the state near Forts Shelby and Crawford, from which the American flag first flew in Wisconsin. The Fox Indians had used the area for hundreds of years before, and they had been preceded by ancient mound builders. Colonel Dousman and his son, Hercules, made *Villa Louis* one of the most luxurious mansions and country estates of their time. In the 1930's the Dousman heirs, led by Mrs. Virginia Dousman Bigelow, gave the house to the city and helped restore it to its former grandeur.

WANT A FERRY BOAT?

The Steamship Historical Society is seeking a marine or any other museum that has space enough to exhibit the ferryboat *Brinkerhoff*, now faced with eviction from the Mystic Museum in Mystic, Conn. The Society says the *Brinkerhoff* is a choice specimen of ferryboat architecture, but the Museum finds its annual upkeep beyond its budget.

ZONE MEETINGS

Mrs. Francis B. Crowninshield, Chairman of the Council's Committee for Historic Preservation, has convened three zone meetings of a series intended to cover the entire United States. The New England meeting was held in Newport, R. I., the Southeastern at *Woodlawn Plantation*, Mt. Vernon, Va., the Middle Atlantic at *Eleutherian Mills*, Montchanin, Del. Frederick L. Rath, Jr., and Hardinge Scholle attended each of the meetings to explain in detail the program of the Trust and Council and the strengthening of the organization through strong regional committees.

IN DANGER

Hope Lodge, Whitemarsh Township, Pennsylvania. Cortlandt V. D. Hubbard. An extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike threatens to impinge upon the environs of this famous mansion and other significant Revolutionary battlefield sites in Fort Washington area.

DESTRUCTION—DESECRATION—DECAY

Worcester, Mass.—The old home of Worcester's Civil War hero, Gen. Josiah Pickett, at 26 Chatham Street, has been torn down to make way for the city's first municipal parking lot. Pickett, noted the Boston *Traveller* reporting the destruction, was leader of the 25th Massachusetts Regiment and the hero of the Battle of Cold Harbor. "He is not to be confused with the Confederate general."

Lynhaven Bay, Va.—Youthful vandals broke into the Adam Thoroughgood House (1636-1640) smashed or turned over valued antique furnishings leaving every room in the old house in disorder. Some 35 items of furnishings, including a rare 17th century map of Virginia, brass candlesticks, a handwarmer and pewter tea set were carried off. Led by and 18-year old, the boys and girls (one only 13) responsible for the damage, were detected by local police. It is the second time that young gangs had invaded the old Tidewater showplace.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—To make way for a new business block, the pioneer home of C. W. Dow, who was mayor of the city soon after its foundation, will be moved to a new location on Pine Street. Dow also conducted a men's clothing store, and W. Arthur Perkins, another pioneer citizen recalls, "Dow and I sold more overalls than tail coats in those days."

Washington, D. C.—Once again the famous Summer White House, *Woodley,* with its magnificent park is in danger of being sub-divided into 115 small building sites, which will leave the early Federal Mansion on a small part of its 14-acre site. The Council has supported the *Save Woodley Committee* through repeated hearings of the zoning board, which previously refused permission to erect a vast apartment on the site.

West Lanham Hills, Md.—"Let it burn," said the owner of a 250-year-old dwelling on the Stoney Hurst Estate. So firemen did. The owner, president of a construction firm, was planning to tear it down anyway, to make way for a housing development.

Galena, Ill.—Our member from this old levee town writes us that the City Council has purchased 10,000 gallons of asphalt, a large portion of which it to be poured over the picturesque brick paving of Main Street.